

SRI H. N. NANJE GOWDE —Out of 23 schemes in Hassan District, except the one in Arkalgud my constituency, all were commissioned. One Executive Engineer, Quality Control, one Assistant Engineer, Quality Control, 3 Junior Engineers and 8 masons are camping there to cover the Mistakes. I do not know to which account the expenditure should be debited. Why I was agitated was, four years ago the schemes were sanctioned, but the schemes in Arkalgud could not be commissioned. I thought I should request the Chief Minister to look into the matter-

SRI CHANNABASAPPA.—When I make a statement, all the facts come to light.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು —ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಜೇಫ್ ವಿನಿಸ್ಟನ್ ಇಂಟರ್‌ವೀಸ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ.—ಇವತ್ತು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಟರ್ ಸಪ್ಲೈ ಡೈನೇಜ್ ಡಿವಿಷನ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ಸ್ ಇತರರು ಅದನ್ನು ಮುಚ್ಚುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಎನ್‌ಕ್ವೈರಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—Are we to take it that the Hon'ble Chief Minister will intervene?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—Madam Speaker. although I was not interested in intervening in a way, I am indirectly dragged to intervene in the matter. I do not want to say any thing about the Call attention notice as the Hon'ble Minister has already stated that he has to go into the details of the matter.

So far as the allegations that works concerning the Lift Irrigation Schemes in Arkalgud taluk it is true that there were some serious complaints regarding the work not being properly executed, as a result of which, the irrigation schemes have not been able to commission; and even though it is commissioned I think the water flow was not proper because of unsatisfactory work. Now this has been pointed out by the higher authorities in the department and it is under investigation. The hon'ble Member from Arkalgud has just now stated that there is something on to either hush up or cover up the mistakes committed. I would request the Hon'ble Member to point out whatever he knows about it and write to me directly and I will certainly take up the matter and never allow any such mischief to be done by any person either by higher authorities or the persons who are now asked to investigate into the matter. I think that should satisfy the Hon'able Member.

(ii) re: *Blowing of Stone Quarries at Shravana Belgola.*

SRI B. B. SAYANAK. (Belgaum) —I call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Parliamentary Affairs to the blowing up of Stone quarries at Shravana-Belgola and consequent danger to the Gomateswara Idol.

**SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.**—(Minister of State for Small Scale Industries, and the Printers Industries): On behalf of the Minister for Industry and parliamentary Affairs I make the following statement:—

The site in question was got examined in detail.

There are no quarrying operations in the main hill where Bahubali Statue is standing.

No quarry please has been issued by the Department of Mines and Geology to any person within a radius of 3 K. Ms from the statue.

No quarrying has been permitted in the near vicinity of the Bahubali hill. However, some old workings where quarrying was done earlier do exist at a distance of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  K. M. from the Bahubali hill, but they are not active

The site referred to where breaking of rock happened and created lot of sound, etc., is situated at a distance of 530 m on a separate low hill and it is detached from the main Bahubali hill. A small fracture of 10 to 50 mm width and 34 m length in the direction of N 80° E is found developed in the weathered layer between the two worked acuarries.

On detailed examination it is found that the development of this crack entirely due to the variation in temperatures i. e. expansion due to high heat and contraction due to chilling which has resulted in spalling action of the rocks which in turn has resulted in development of the fractures.

This site of incident is far away from Bahubali hill and has no relation whatsoever to apprehend any consequential effect on the Bahubali statue.

**SRI B. B. SAYANAK.**—There is an apprehension in the minds of the Jain community that there was danger to the Statue. Will the Government do justice to this community?

**SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.**—I would like to make it very clear that the incident which has happened on a particular day is not due to quarries, explosion or any of the things. It happened due to the variation in the temperatures i. e. expansion due to high heat and contraction due to chilling which has resulted in spalling action of the rocks which in turn has resulted in development of the fractures. This site of incident is far away from Bahubali hill and has no relation whatsoever to apprehend any consequential effect on the Bahubali statue as it is built with a massive rock. However I can very well assure we will take all steps to see that such quarries are not issued in the vicinity of the Bahubali statue.